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Progress made by the United Nations development system in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action: draft decision

The High-level Committee,

Reaffirming the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries,

Recalling its decisions 6/3 concerning its review of the activities of the United Nations development system within the framework of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, 6/6 concerning the role of women in technical cooperation among developing countries, and 6/7 concerning the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit,

1. Takes note of the reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the implementation of those decisions;

2. Expresses appreciation of the measures reported by the ten organizations, as mentioned in the Administrator's report, in strengthening their role in promoting TCDC, in particular, the expansion of publications dealing with TCDC, expanded staff briefings on TCDC concepts and issues, establishment of internal task forces on TCDC, strengthening of organizational focal points for TCDC, and the establishment of closer relations with the Special Unit for TCDC in enhancing their supportive capacities, especially closer linkage with the Special Unit's TCDC information referral system (INRES) in identifying developing countries' modalities for obtaining project inputs;

3. Expresses concern over the continuing inability of many of the organizations of the United Nations development system to measure their support for TCDC in quantitative and financial terms which would reliably demonstrate the extent of progress achieved over preceding periods;

4. Expresses further concern over the uncertainty reportedly still prevailing among several organizations in distinguishing TCDC activities from non-TCDC activities, especially those under regional, interregional and global programmes being supported by the organizations;

5. Recommends, as a consequence, that the next meeting of TCDC focal points of the organizations of the United Nations development system address itself to this question and develop a common methodology for identifying and reporting on their TCDC activities in accordance with the general principles established in the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, and in subsequent decisions of the High-level Committee, and as elaborated in the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on the rules, regulations and procedures of the organizations concerning TCDC; 1/

6. Further recommends that the common methodology for identifying and reporting on TCDC activities thus developed should be used by all organizations in the preparation of the progress report for the eighth session of the High-level Committee;

7. Decides that the reporting at future sessions of the High-level Committee on this and related subjects shall be based on a single document containing a synthesis of the information to be provided by the organizations, with conclusions and recommendations for the Committee's consideration. In this way, information on all actions by the organizations in support and promotion of TCDC would normally be consolidated in a single report, unless otherwise required in exceptional situations;

8. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider effective measures to accelerate the pace of the use of the TCDC modality in the execution of projects financed from country IPFs, whenever deemed appropriate, and in accordance with the wishes of the Governments of the countries concerned;

9. Encourages the governing bodies of all other organizations of the United Nations development system to consider similar measures for enhancing the use of the TCDC modality in the execution of projects financed from their regular programmes and trust funds;

10. Takes note also with appreciation of the report of the Third Meeting of TCDC Focal Points of the Organizations of the United Nations Development System, and expresses the hope that the organizations are considering and implementing the recommendations of that report in further enhancement of TCDC in the system;

11. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the High-level Committee at its eighth session on the implementation of the present decision.

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